



# FLORIDA KEYS

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### **COLD SPELL TAKES HOLD OF KEYS AND IS EXPECTED TO CONTINUE**

THE PAST WEEK IN THE FLORIDA KEYS HAS BEEN QUITE COOL...WITH WEDNESDAY MORNING TEMPERATURES THE COLDEST YET. A RECORD FOR THE DAILY LOW MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE IN KEY WEST WILL BE LIKELY TODAY AS THE TEMPERATURE STRUGGLES TO HOVER AROUND 55 DEGREES...THE CURRENT RECORD IS 60 DEGREES FROM 1919. WARMER TEMPERATURES ARE FORECAST FOR FRIDAY BUT WILL BE SHORT RELIEF FOR THOSE IN SEARCH OF THE MORE MILD WINTER KEYS WEATHER...AS A COLD FRONT FRIDAY NIGHT USHERS IN ANOTHER BOUT OF COLD AIR.

WHILE COLD FRONTS AND COOLER TEMPERATURES ARE NOT OUT OF THE ORDINARY FOR THE KEYS DURING THE WINTER MONTHS...EXTENDED COLD BLASTS ARE A LITTLE MORE UNCOMMON. THE LONGEST STRETCH OF MINIMUM TEMPERATURES BELOW 60 DEGREES IN KEY WEST WAS A 13-DAY STRETCH ENDING ON FEBRUARY 5 1940. THE LONGEST STRETCH FOR MAXIMUM TEMPERATURES BELOW 65 DEGREES IN KEY WEST IS A 3-WAY TIE OF 6 DAYS...DURING 1950...1886...1876.

THE CURRENT STRETCH OF 4 COOL MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE DAYS BETWEEN JANUARY 2ND AND 5TH TIES FOR THE 7TH LONGEST STRETCH IN KEY WEST. FORECAST TEMPERATURES TODAY AND TOMORROW POTENTIALLY PUT THE NUMBER 1 POSITION UP FOR A 4-WAY TIE. THE 4-DAY STRETCH FOR THE MARATHON-DUCK KEY AREA IS CURRENTLY ON A STREAK WHICH PLACES IT 2ND...WITH RECORDS DATING BACK TO 1982...THE LONGEST STRETCH LASTING 6 DAYS IN 1995.

BELOW ARE PRELIMINARY LOW TEMPERATURES THROUGHOUT THE FLORIDA KEYS...FOR WEDNESDAY JANUARY 6 2010. FOR COMPARISON...MINIMUM TEMPERATURES ALONG THE KEYS FOR JANUARY 6 2009 WERE IN THE UPPER 60S AND LOWER 70S. DEPARTURE FROM NORMAL VALUES ARE ALSO LISTED FOR THE KEY WEST AND MARATHON AREAS.

***MINIMUM TEMPERATURES/DEPARTURES FROM NORMAL FOR JANUARY 6<sup>TH</sup>***

<b>Station – Station Type</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>Dep. fm Normal</b>
Key West WFO	53	-13
Key West International Airport	52	-14
Geiger Key	52	
Cudjoe Key	50	
Ramrod Key	48	
Big Pine Key	49	
Florida Keys Marathon Airport	46	-18
Curry Hammock State Park	45	-19
Duck Key	45	-19
Islamorada	43	
Tavernier	41	
Key Largo	41	

NORMAL VALUES FOR KEY WEST ARE THE AVERAGE OF 1979-2000 AND FOR MARATHON/DUCK KEY THEY ARE THE AVERAGE SPANNING 1982-2004. RECORDS ARE NOT TRACKED FOR MARATHON DUE TO THE SHORT PERIOD OF ASOS DATA.

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